GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3230
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IMPORT OF ARECANUT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the areca growers from Karnataka have requested the Government to restrict import of areca from other countries including Malayasia and Sri Lanka; and

(b) if so, the steps, if any, taken by the Government to protect the areca growers of Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) Representations have been received from the arecanut growers of Karnataka requesting re-imposition of import restrictions on arecanut. The basic customs duty on arecanut has been increased from 35% to 100% in July, 2000. This should provide adequate protection to the arecanut farmers of Karnataka thereby obviating the need for re-imposition of import restrictions.